

## ABSTRACT

The present invention provides antiviral proteins, peptides and conjugates, as well as methods of obtaining these agents. The antiviral proteins, peptides and conjugates of the present invention can be used alone or in combination with other antiviral agents in compositions, such as pharmaceutical compositions, to inhibit the infectivity, replication and cytopathic effects of a virus, such as a retrovirus, in particular a human immunodeficiency virus, specifically HIV-1 or HIV-2, in the treatment or prevention of viral infection.

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